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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" They have considered this question already and I do not think there is any necessity to further consider the same."

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that one of the chief objects of the self-respect movement is to put an end to idolatry and temple worship ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That may be so. But that does not disqualify one belonging to that movement from becoming a Commissioner as the Board is concerned only with the administration of endowments."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether it is not inconsistent with the position of the hon. Minister to be in charge of the portfolio of Hindu Religious Endowments and at the same time not to believe in idolatry ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise."

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :-- " May I know exactly when the term of office of the Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board is going to expire and when these offices are going to be refilled ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The term will expire on 6th April 1930. When the vacancies will be filled up I cannot say."

Provincialization of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 1653 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question of paying contributions out of provincial revenues to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and have arrived at any decision thereon ?

A.—No decision has been arrived at as yet.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to the answer given to this question may I know how long this matter has been under consideration ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It has been under consideration for over two years, but it has not been possible to arrive at a decision early, considering that there is an alternative proposal that the collection of dues to the Endowments Board should be treated as part of land revenue and also that the Hindu Religious Endowments Board should be provincialized."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether Government will take steps to waive the recovery of contributions to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot give an undertaking."

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there is a proposal to divide the Hindu Religious Endowments Board into two bodies one to be vested with executive functions and the other judicial ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is the proposal to be embodied in the new Bill. It is still under consideration."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know what the hon. Minister proposes to do with the existing Board and whether he will work it on the lines of the new Bill ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The hon. Member must remember that the whole Act will have to be worked as it is till the new Bill is passed and comes into force."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether the new appointments have been made ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan : —" I have already said that no new appointments have been made."

Reduction of the number of Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

*1654 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any proposal for reducing the number of Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board is being considered by the Government ; and

(b) if so, who has made this proposal and for what reasons ?

A.—There is no such proposal.

Medical

Proposed compensation to the Radiologist.

*1655 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Surgeon-General has submitted a scheme whereby Government will take over the private practice of Captain Barnard, the Radiologist, after paying him compensation ?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know the amount of compensation that has been agreed to be paid to the radiologist ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It has not been settled yet."

Agriculture

Proceedings of the Agricultural Conference at Coimbatore.

*1656 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what subjects were discussed at the conference of agricultural officers held last month at Coimbatore ; and

(b) what decisions were arrived at in regard to the questions considered at that conference ?

A.—(a) & (b) An extract [a] from the Proceedings of the Conference specifying the important subjects discussed and the findings thereon is appended.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 675–680 infra.